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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

TO AMEMBASSY ACCRA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

SECSTATE WASHDC 8665

C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 0733

ACCRA FOR RCO FROM RSO, ABIDJAN FOR RSO, MONROVIA FOR ATO,
DEPT FOR A/ SY/ FO, BEIRUT FOR RSS

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT : PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL - VOICE RADIO NET

1. DURING CURRENT SURVEY BY RSO IN CONAKRY RE PROTECTION OF
PERSONNEL, SEVERAL DISCREPANCIES/ RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE SUR-
FACED WHICH ARE BEING PASSED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION AND/ OR
INFO, RE VHF NET.

2. RSO HIGHLY RECOMMENDS AGAINST RECALL OF THE FOUR (4) HN-36
UNITS ASSIGNED CONAKRY AS REPORTEDLY REQUESTED BY RCO.
POST HAS TWELVE (12) UNITS ON INVENTORY, ALL OF WHICH ARE
DEEMED JUSTIFIABLE ALLOCATED. IN FACT, RSO RECOMMENDS INCREASE
IN POST'S HN-36 UNITS OF FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL FOR ALLOCATION AS
FOLLOWS: TWO (2) UNITS FOR INCOMING ASSIGNED PERSONNEL AND
THREE (3) SPARE. SPARE UNITS ARE NEEDED AS BACK- UP DUE TO
IMPOSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES IN SHIPPING DEFECTIVE
ONES OUT OF COUNTRY FOR REPAIR.

3. AS RCO AWARE, AMBASSADOR'S OFFICIAL VEHICLE WITHOUT COMMO.
IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION OR EVEN CONCEIVABLE POLITICAL PRO-
VOCATION OF DELAYING AMBASSADOR AT ROAD BLOCADE, REFLECTS A
VULNERABLE POSITION. RSO RECOMMENDS THAT PRIORITY CONSIDER-
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ATION BE GIVEN IN THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF VHF PROTECTIVE MOBILE UNIT FOR AMBASSADOR' S VEHICLE. DUE TO PAST EXPERIENCES OF LOCAL OPPOSITION TO VEHICLE MOUNTED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, UNIT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNOBTRUSIVE WITH CONCEALED ANTENNA AND TELEPHONE HANDSET. (FYI - APPARENTLY GOG DOES NOT OBJECT TO TELEPHONES MOUNTED IN VEHICLES.) IN ADDITION, CHANCERY BASE STATION SHOULD BE AFFORDED AN INSTALLED CASSETTE RECORDER TO BE ACTIVATED PER THE EMERGENCY MOUNTED UNIT IN THE VEHICLE.

4. RSO UNDERSTANDS THAT ATO HAS ORDERED A DIRECTIONAL REFLECTOR FOR ON HAND HIGH GAIN ANTENNA TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF NET FROM ZERO TO APPROX DB GAIN TOTAL OF 7.6.

5. RSO WILL TRAVEL ACCRA ASAP FOLLOWING MAY 21. WOULD APPRECIATE CONSULTATION THAT TIME RE CONAKRY AND OTHER POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY VHF NETS, HOWEVER DO FEEL THAT UNIT FOR AMBASSADOR' S VEHICLE SHOULD BE ACTED UPON SOONEST AND NOT WAIT FOR RSO/ RCO MEETING.

6. RSO DEPARTING CONAKRY FOR ABIDJAN MAY 14.

7. PLS ADVISE.
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